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YAKUTAT SUBSISTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the **Yakutat Area subsistence fishery**:

Yakutat Bay: Subsistence fishing by all gear types in the waters of Yakutat Bay will close at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 12. Until further notice, the weekly subsistence period for all gear groups for Yakutat Bay will be from 6 a.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday.

<u>Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet</u>: As a reminder, subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon is closed until further notice. Chinook salmon may not be retained in the sockeye salmon subsistence fishery.

By regulation, from the beginning of the commercial salmon net season through the end of the commercial salmon net season, the weekly subsistence fishing period is from 6:00 a.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday

The Chinook salmon subsistence fishery is closed in the Situk Inlet in accordance with the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. The preseason forecast of the Situk River Chinook salmon return suggests that the return will be below desired levels and conservative actions are required to limit harvest on the stock.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1Y0413.

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